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Council Meeting.

The town council met Monday evening, Aug. 26th in the Masonic Hall. The Mayor and Councillors Campbell, Beck and Davis were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

A discussion took place re licenses for peddlers, and the Mayor brought the case of a party selling gasoline lamps. It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the Mayor to investigate and report. The Secretary was instructed to make out a list of the various standing committees and hand a copy to each of the Councillors.

A letter from D. D. Jenkins was read re a scale or public weigh bridge. After some discussion it was moved by Councillor Davis, and seconded by Councillor Campbell that it be referred to the Works and Property Committee with power to act.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain from either Lethbridge or Calgary what information he can in regard to the different by-laws.

At this stage Councillor Douglas entered the meeting.

A discussion then took place regarding the fire by-law and it was moved by Councillor Beck seconded by Councillor Campbell that the Fire Water and Light Committee be given power to go ahead and make any necessary arrangements and to call a special meeting and report when they are ready.

The Council then adjourned.

Scaled the Crow's Nest

For the fourth time in many years the Crow's Nest Mountain was successfully scaled a few days ago by a party of seven, which included Miss Marshall of Taber, Miss Hatch of Lethbridge, Mr. Marshall of Taber, Her. Mr. Gordon of Lethbridge, and Messrs. Donald N. and P. D. MacTavish of Calgary.

All members of the party are ardent climbers, being members of this year's Alpine Club of Canada. However, this climb of Crow's Nest mountain is looked upon as a record breaker, particularly so when it is known that two young ladies, Miss Marshall of Taber and Miss Hatch of Lethbridge, were the first to reach the summit. — LETHBRIDGE HERALD.

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LABOR DAY

Taber donned its holiday attire Monday Labor Day. All business places were closed and from the flag poles floated the Canadian flag.

The day broke bright and clear and many took advantage of the holiday to have an outing among the ducks. The ducks seemed to know it was a holiday and that their lives were in danger. The result was they kept pretty well out of range. Others misjudged the distance the guns would carry and fell prey to the sportsmen. The hunting parties returned in the evening with fairly well filled bags, having had a good outing.

In town the forenoon passed off very quietly. It was apparently a case of get ready for the afternoon, when the great misquade baseball match was to take place. The game was between the men in costume, many of whom had never played baseball before, and the boys. They were ready for the contest, however, and put up a plucky game. They went in to win if win they could.

The masqueraders also went in to win but they found in the juveniles their match at every turn. The play was interesting throughout and the way some of the masqueraders got around was marvellous. The costumes were well gotten up by a number of the ladies and the team looked somewhat formidable in their gay attire. The boys certainly showed the men that they would be able to do honor to the diamond and uphold the good name of Taber in the years to come as they won out by a score of 19 to 7. There was a good turn of a pleasant afternoon.

The teams were as follows:—
Masqueraders—J. B. White, clown; J. Thorsley, Mary H. Stewart, Turk; W. Walker, Eliza; R. G. M. Todd, Turk the H. A. P. Veale, Uncle Sam; T. J. Depew, John Bull; Howard Kathrens, Carrie Nation; and J. Trussell, Sergeant Major.

Boys—E. Stringham, R. Walton, T. Walker, Carl Loomis, R. Stringham, Geo. Edwards, Geo. Russell, John Shirts, and Alex Walker.

Engine Off Track

This morning as engine 78 popularly known as "Scottie" was backing up on the main line just east of the station one of the brake plates of the back driver dropped off. The wheels of the pony trucks caught it and the front of the engine was thrown off the rails. The rails on the siding were both broken and the ties torn up for a short distance. The fender on the engine was broken off and other slight damages sustained. Another engine was sent for and by noon Scottie was again on the rails. It was fortunate the accident did not occur a few minutes earlier or the Spokane train which had just passed would have been delayed for some time.

Newspaper Sold

The plant and good will of the Raymond Chronicle brought \$505.00 at a sheriff's sale yesterday. E. T. Saunders having foreclosed a mortgage. The sale was conducted by Sheriff Young. T. J. O'Brien was the purchaser.

There are about 275 head of buffalo yet to be brought from Montana. They will all be taken to Elk park near Edmonton and are expected to pass through Lethbridge in about three weeks.

Deputation

Meets C.P.R.

Mr. Jamieson, general superintendent of the Western Division and Mr. Lawrence, superintendent of the local division of the C.P.R. were here Friday looking after the work being done at this station.

While they were in town a deputation composed of Mayor Trussell, and G. C. Millar, secretary-treasurer of the town and W. W. Douglas and R. P. Wallace, president and secretary of the Board of Trade, met them to lay before them the necessity of having more openings for team made in the forces on each side of the track. The deputation briefly presented their views and Mr. Jamieson, who had already sized the situation up, promptly promised that he would have four shifts openings made on the north side and two drive openings on the south side. He realized the rapid growth that was taking place at Taber and that a town that was handling so much freight, both in and out should have every facility possible for handling the same. The deputation felt highly pleased with the generous way in which they were received and the representatives of the C.P.R. really will give more than was ever expected.

While the fence as first put up caused considerable inconvenience yet the people showed their good sense in not destroying the property of the C.P.R. in any way as has been the case at some other points. All that is now to be done is to build a the fence in as business men and the public are no doubt but that the company will do all they reasonably can to meet the people. Taber can have no kick at the C.P.R., neither can the C.P.R. have any complaint with Taber. May these friendly relations always continue.

Rigid Inspection of Canadian Canneries

Ottawa, Aug. 26. The act respecting the inspection of meats and canned foods, passed at the last session of parliament, goes into effect on September 3, and thenceforth all the big packing and canning establishments of Canada will be under the strictest possible inspection. Seventy-five thousand dollars have been appropriated to carry on the inspection and forty men have been trained for the work. The result, it is expected, will be that hereafter meats and provisions exported bearing the words "Canada approved" will carry the highest guarantee of purity and healthfulness and will command the highest prices in the markets of the world.

The most impressive of the new regulations are those relating to cleanliness. All establishments having inspection are required to be suitably lighted and ventilated, and all appliances such as tables, trucks, vats, machines, etc., must be kept clean and sanitary. Employees engaged in handling goods must be free from tuberculosis and other diseases, and must observe general rules as to sanitation which may be deemed necessary by the inspector in charge. Inspectors are authorized to refuse guarantee of inspection if sanitary conditions are not provided.

The words "Canada approved" cannot be used except on packages that have been, officially inspected. Officers are punishable by fines to the extent of \$500.

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London Theaters.
The oldest London theaters are Drury Lane theater, opened 1663; Sadler's Wells, started as an orchestral assoc.

PITFALLS FOR MINISTERS

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THE PRACTICAL GIRL AND HER FADS



The Linen Must Bear Her Own Signature

Her Monograms Are Embroidered by Hand

She Makes Her Own Trousseau

NOT long ago a charming old lady, well over fourscore years, called her granddaughter to her and showed her a pair of thick, smooth, wool blankets. "My dear," she said, with great pride, "I want you to look at these blankets. What do you think of them?"

"Are they new ones, grandmother?" was the reply. "They certainly are beauties."

"New ones?" and the old lady laughed heartily. "They were in my dower chest more than sixty years ago. What is more, I spun them myself before I was eighteen."

"Spin them yourself? How smart girls must have been in those days. Do tell me about it."

"Well, my dear, father lived in a part of the country where all our neighbors were Germans—good, thrifty neighbors they were, too, always with an eye to their families' future. For each daughter, as soon as she was born, a dower chest was started, into which went every year fine linen sheets, soft blankets and wearing apparel of every description."

STARTS A DOWER CHEST

"My young friends used to say to me so often, 'Ach, Martha, you will be the poor housewife when you are married, with no store of linen like ours to last you all your life,' that at last I could stand it no longer and bought father to let me start a dower chest, too."

"After some persuasion he presented me with that old mahogany high-boy you have asked me to will you, and told me to start in on my dower things at once. Then, by way of encouragement, he gave me the finest silver in his flock, had its wool carded for me, and from it I spun this pair of blankets, which are still good, after more than half a century's use."

"This was the beginning of my wedding outfit, and I tell you, my dear, not one of my friends had such treasures in her dower chest as had I when I was wedded to your grandfather. Everything in it was made by my own hand, too."

"I read in the paper the other day an account of a young engaged girl being given a linen shower by her friends for her dower chest. I am glad to find that the good old custom of owning such a chest is in favor once again, and the practical girl has as one of her fads the making of her own trousseau."

"Girls, however, should revert even more fully to the old ways and begin the filling of their dower chest when quite young. Then there would be fewer nervous, worn-out brides because eyes and nerves had both been ruined in preparing a hasty wedding outfit."

"You are barely 18, Martha, but I shall not wait to will you my high-boy. It shall be done over for you at once on one condition, that you fill it with table linen and what I believe you call underclothes nowadays, lingerie, that you have made with your own hands."

NEVER COMES AMISS

"Even though you should never marry, my dear, the contents of your dower chest will never come amiss, besides the great help it will be in making you an efficient needlewoman."

"Though the practical girl may not begin the preparation of her trousseau as early as did her forefathers, she is very apt to start it as soon as she is engaged. Often she is moved to make a beginning by the gift of a chest as an engagement present. Good is her joy if that chest should happen to be an ancestral, claw-footed, camel-legged, high-boy, or an old colonial chest. For most girls, however practical, have the collecting of old furniture as the greatest fad of all."

"If, however, not so lucky as to possess such an heirloom, then the next best thing is to have built for her a plain, handsome cedar chest, about six feet long and three feet high. This should be provided with several light trays—the

topmost one being divided into a number of compartments.

Should even this prove too expensive, any good-sized wooden box, rather larger than a shirtwaist box, may be covered with burlap or cretonne, and turned into the dower chest. All of these boxes should be provided with a lock and key."

While the most practical of twentieth century girls would scarcely spin her own blankets, she would undoubtedly make several pairs of sheets, for every bride likes, if possible, to have at least two pairs of linen sheets, these she will find to be much cheaper if she buys the linen sheeting and makes them herself. The quality and size of the sheets depend largely upon one's purse and taste; their treatment, however, is usually somewhat similar.

Just at present the fancy of scalloping the top and bottom edges prevails. In such case the pillow slips are scalloped to match. Both are then worked with the owner's initials. These are put directly in the center about an inch above the scallop, and should be in letters three inches high. The hemstitched sheets and pillow slips are marked in the same way.

The practical girl would be also sure to have some extra pillow cases, hemstitched and monogrammed, to slip on in the daytime over pillows that have been kept upon. There is also provided a long hemstitched piece to go over the bolster.

Of course, half the charm of the trousseau is in the marking, which the practical girl invariably does by hand. This lettering may be of the most elaborate monograms for the best napery down to cross-stitches or chain-stitch letters for handkerchiefs and washrags. However it is done, this marking is all important; even the ordinary muslin sheets are written with the bride-to-be's own signature and then outlined. Indeed, there is something of a fad just now in having this signature marking even on better linen and damask. It cannot compare, however, in handsome appearance with the letters done in heavily padded satin stitch.

BUY THE BET NAPERY

It is specially important that the practical girl with little money should begin early to get her napery. It is so very expensive, at the best, that it is much better to get it by degrees, or otherwise one may be tempted to reduce expense by means of quality. In buying table linen it always pays to get the best one can possibly afford, as nothing so quickly shows for the money put into it.

Always have table linen by hand. The quickest and neatest method is to fold back the hem and overcast very finely.

In marking the initials, which need not be higher than three inches, they should be so placed that when finished and the cloth is on the table they will be well toward the corner. When the cloth has a big circle on the board the letters should be half way between that and the corner. Sometimes they are in the outer corner.

The marking may be either a monogram, three initials or the initials run together.

Napkins should be so marked that when folded the initials come in the center of the square. A single initial should be either three or four inches, a monogram or one single letter somewhat larger. This single letter is often worked in the center of a shield.

Besides the ordinary napkins, the practical girl will doubtless prepare herself small hemstitched tea napkins, marking them with a small monogram. These tea napkins are very fashionable just now when finished with a small scallop.

Towels are an important item for the dower chest. As no housekeeper can ever have too many, no one need be afraid of buying too big a supply. They can be of the finest damask or of plain, fine huckaback, hemstitched or scalloped. These last

have the advantage that they can be used as bureau covers.

Towels should be marked so that when folded in these the letters come directly in the middle, about two inches above the hem. A single initial should be from two to five inches high, or there can be three smaller ones. The marking can be done in satin stitch, in cross stitch in colors, or even in chain stitch worked in white and caught with a color under each chain. One artistic girl marked hers in "shades" to match her bath room.

She should always be sure small

hand towels of huckaback hemstitched with an inch and a half hem.

Then the practical girl will be very apt to put into her chest several plain centrepieces, plate doilies and the smaller doilies to match for constant use. Very inexpensive sets may be made of plain linen, scalloped. These should be marked either in the middle or under the rims of the plate. Another attractive set may be made of round linen centers, with a crocheted border, done in points.

Who more elaborately embroidered table furnishings should be added

after the good stock of everyday useful things has been laid in.

The practical girl will not forget to provide her dower chest with hemstitched wash cloths, daintily marked with her initials. She will also lay in a supply of such useful, if somewhat homely, articles as dish towels (fine ones for silver, heavy crash for pots and pans), laundry bags, roller towels and bath mats in a color to match the bathroom. Even such necessary articles as plenty of scrub cloths, in crash or cotton flannel, will be useful. One energetic housekeeper even marks these last cloths with initials—not here, but with, say an S for scrub cloth, B for bathrub, F for floor cloth, etc. This, she declares, avoids much trouble with stupid maids who are as apt as not to wipe out a stationary washstand with a cloth used to scrub a dirty floor.

AVOID EXTRAVAGANCES

There naturally must go into the dower chest just the daintiest, prettiest underclothes one can afford. The practical girl, however, with an eye to laundry bills, will not indulge in overmuch lace and embroidery, except for her very best things; but instead will confine herself to the French embroidered lingerie, which, when done at home, is really very inexpensive and gives perfect satisfaction as long as a thread holds together.

Of course, if a girl is to have a long engagement, or has considerate friends who will help to swell the contents of her dower chest, many frilly and fancy pieces will be added, but the really practical girl will know just how much she can afford to spend, and then spend that sum on necessities, leaving the luxuries to be supplied in more prosperous after-days.

For the Bride Who Makes Her Own Lingerie

SOMEHOW one is rather inclined to pity the bride-to-be who is so wealthy that it would be unnecessary for her to make even her own lingerie. There are so many dainty and fashionable garments which a girl can make herself, spending thereby many a pleasant hour, and dreaming many a bright dream, that it seems a shame that any girl should be forced by her position to go to a shop for these dainty bits of lawn and lace.

For the girl without means, on the other hand, the same and cheapness with which she may manufacture her own outfit, and yet have it thoroughly dainty and up-to-date, are a perfect boon.

The number and variety of her undergarments will be limited. There, for instance, are the new tight-fitting corsets—nothing like the old, many-seamed ones. These are buttoned in the back and lined with a fine featherbone. They are of a new and graceful shape, and would add to the beauty and grace of any gown.

Then there is the combination garment. This consists of a pants-shirt attached to the corset-cover or braiders, which serves as pantaloons and undergarment without the bulkiness and fussiness of separate garments. The pants-legs are cut circular so that there is no fulness whatever around the waist, and over the hips, but below this point the fulness is so great as to make invisible the line of division.

Another new idea is a set of chemise, nightgown, and pantaloons to match. The chemise and nightgown are alike, except for the fact that the skirt of the chemise is only knee length, and the nightgown has full sleeves fashioned in the same way as are the lower portions of the pantaloons.

When one considers the possibilities in the making of these garments, one is not surprised that girls even so wealthy as are the Krupp sisters should elect to make their own trousseaus.

Adjusting the Thumb

ONE of the most important things in putting on a glove for the first time is to see that the thumb is properly adjusted. If this is not done, the glove will be very difficult to put on after wearing. The thumbs of many women are not acclimated exactly correct upon the hand, and as the gloves are supposed to be cut on perfect lines, sometimes quite a little work is required to put the thumb in proper place. The beginning of this work should be before any of the fine gloves have been put on. The glove thumb should be gently worked down until it is properly in place, which is either side of the thumb. Observe the gloved hands of women and you will find many in which this is not the case. It is by no means uncommon to see the seam going directly across the thumb nail.

Once properly in place, the glove has acquired a partial set. It can then be carefully adjusted, may be put on again; but care should be taken to keep it being put on twice, the battle in practically making the thumb correct as long as the gloves last.

It is a good plan before putting a new glove on to adjust each finger separately, removing one before another is tried. This gives each finger its proper shape of the future wearer, and there is no pulling or stretching out of the shape of the glove across the knuckles, after all four fingers are in place and before the thumb has been adjusted. The thumb should be adjusted as well as possible and close the fist gently and slowly, but firmly, three or four times. This will stretch the material a trifle, and will possibly obviate a "war or rip" in the later use.

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THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, 1907

ENLARGED

For some time we have been la-
boring under the difficulty of having
a paper too small for the require-
ments of the town. The demand on
advertising space was so heavy that
there was very little room for any-
thing else.

This week the Free Press comes
out in its enlarged form. The change
necessitated a breaking up of the forms
and a new adjustment of everything.
This means an immense amount of
extra work. With the heavy rush of
job work and limited help, we have
had almost more than we could get
through. In fact many matters we
wished to take up had to be laid over.
The enlarged paper will allow more
space for advertisers and much more
space for news. We wish to get all
the news we can and make the Free
Press a powerful influence for the
up building of Southern Alberta and
Taber in particular. We shall con-
sider it a favor if you will report to
us any items of news you may have.

THE TERM "DOMINION"

The term "Dominion" selected by
the fathers of Confederation as the
designation of this country—though
Sir John A. Macdonald made every
effort to have the term "Kingdom of
Canada" adopted and declared in a
letter written to Lord Knutsford in
1889 that in the refusal of the Im-
perial authorities to take his view,
a great opportunity "was lost"—is
hereafter to be the official designa-
tion of all the self-governing nations
within the British Empire. The
British possessions that are not self-
governing will be styled Colonies.
This change of nomenclature has been
promulgated by Lord Elgin, the
Colonial Secretary. The Dominions
are Canada, Australia, New Zealand,
Cape Colony, Natal, Newfoundland
and Transvaal, with Orange River
Colony presumably to be soon added
to the list. The Colonies are India,
the various parts of Africa, Sudan,
the West Indies, Guiana and the
many minor possessions that have no
representative institutions or parlia-
mentary government. Egypt is a Pro-
tectorate.—MANITOBA FREE PRESS.

Notes and Comments

There is a great demand for coal
miners here.

What a pleasing sight it is to be-
hold hundreds of acres of golden
wheat.

Numerous shooting accidents oc-
curred in Western Canada on Labor
Day. In some respects it is safer
to labor than play.

Southern Alberta will soon take
first place as the great wheat pro-
ducing country of the west.

Hon. Frank Oliver says immigra-
tion has been retarded by the high
price of western land and the scar-
city of labor.

Look at the wheat! Southern Al-
berta. Where can you find a better
sample? A yield of 45 bushels to
the acre speaks for itself.

An exchange says that Saskatoon
butchers have closed their doors be-
cause the city was forcing them to
sell clean meat. Who wouldn't be a
vegetarian under such conditions?

The thrashing of the fall wheat in
Southern Alberta has started. The
yield runs from thirty-five to forty-
five bushels to the acre. The qual-
ity of the grain is excellent.

Lethbridge city council has ap-
propriated \$2,500 for the purpose of
prosecuting gambling places and im-
moral resorts within the city limits.
It must be cleaning up time.

The general expression of opinion
among the representatives of the
powers is that the second peace con-
ference at The Hague is a failure, as
far as any practical results are con-
cerned.

Who can appreciate the fine wheat
crops of Southern Alberta more than
the farmer from North Dakota? The
Dakota farmers who are here are
 Jubilant and they will bring hun-
dreds more in this fall.

Orders for Taber coal are fast
coming in and the mines are doing
the best they can to satisfy the de-
mands. It is impossible to get coal
out fast enough on account of the
shortage of miners.

We understood in the early spring
that the Government would here for
water here this summer. Time is
rapidly passing and so far nothing
has been done. If anything is to be
done this season a start will need to
be made soon.

Terrible Spanking

PERCUSSION CAP IN BOY'S POCKET
EXPLODED WITH AWFUL
RESULT.

Cheboygan, Mich., Sept. 1.—"Oh,
Ma, please don't whip me; I won't
do it again." Harry had the seven-
year-old son of Fred Williams utter-
ed these words when a terrific ex-
plosion occurred and the shingle
with which Mrs. Williams was pad-
dling the boy, was blown to bits and
the mother's right hand was a torn
and bleeding mass, while blood
streamed from many cuts in her
face. The boy fell from his mother's
knee to the ground, writhing in
agony, with a large hole in his hip.
The lad had been out in the fields
with his father, who was blowing up
stumps with dynamite, and had got-
ten hold of one of the percussion
caps, and put it in his pocket. The
mother went to punish the boy for
some minor offence, when the ex-
plosion occurred. The lad's recovery
is doubtful. If he does survive he
will be a cripple for life.

Hop pickers in the state of Wash-
ington are now earning from \$3 to
\$4.50 daily.

The Leth colliers are building a
new town called Hamilton, near
Frank, Alta.

C. Crossler, a logger of Carmen
Creek, B.C., was killed by a tree
falling on him.

The home of Alex. Ray at McAuley
Sask., was totally destroyed by fire on
Friday last.

R. L. Borden, leader of the Conser-
vative party, will address a mass
meeting in Lethbridge in the after-
noon of Oct. 2nd.

Hamilton Miller, a Scotch shep-
herd, aged 25, committed suicide
Thursday in the Maple Leaf hotel.
Maple Creek, Sask., by cutting his
throat.

Harry Johnson of Melita, Sask.,
while out duck shooting Monday,
shot and killed himself. The fatal-
ity was due to the accidental dis-
charge of the gun.

The tinmiths of Calgary went out
on strike Tuesday asking for five
cents more per hour. The manager
of the Ashdown Hardware, who em-
ploy the largest staff, say that they
will close down the tin shop before
agreeing to the demand, as they gave
a voluntary increase at the beginning
of the year, and owing to the con-
tracts then made they cannot give
in without losing money. The
smiths are getting 45 cents and
want 50.

BIRTHS

CONRAD—At Township 9, Range 17,
on Sunday 28th August to Mr.
and Mrs. Milton Conrad, a son.

DIXON—At Taber on Thursday, Sept.
5th, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Dixon a
son.

FOR SALE—One acre lot in water
belt with good soft water well. 1
block north from Dr. Langs. Apply
at Free Press office.

CHURCH NOTICES

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a.
m., every Sunday. Sacrament meet-
ing at 2 p. m. Sunday evening ser-
vice at 8 p. m.

Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement
Association every Tuesday at 7.30 p.
m. Primary Association every Sat-
urday at 3 p. m.

Knox church—Sunday school and
Bible class 11 a. m. Evening ser-
vice 7.30. Wednesday Congrega-
tional Prayer Meeting, 8 p. m.

St. Theodore Church—The services
at the English Church until further
notice will be as follows:—Sunday
school at 3 p. m. every Sunday. Even-
ing service at 7.30.

Baptist Service—A Baptist ser-
vice will be held on Sunday afternoon
at 3 o'clock in the Presbyterian church.
All welcome.

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SYNOPSIS OF

COAL MINING REGULATIONS

Coal mining rights of the Dominion, in Manitoba,
Saskatchewan, Alberta, the Yukon Territory,
the North-West Territories and British Columbia,
may be leased for a term of twenty-one years at an
annual rental of \$1 an acre. Not more than 2,560
acres will be leased to one applicant.

Application for a lease must be made to the Agent
Sub-Agent of the district in which the rights ap-
plied for are situated.

In surveyed territory the land must be described by
section, or legal sub-divisions of sections, and in
unsurveyed territory the tract applied for shall be
sketched out.

Each application must be accompanied by a fee of
five dollars, which will be refunded if the rights ap-
plied for are not available, but not otherwise. A
royalty shall be paid on the net annual output of
the mine at the rate of five cents per ton.

Every lease of coal mining rights which are not
being operated shall furnish the district Agent of
Dominion Lands with a sworn statement to that ef-
fect at least once in each year.

The lease will include the coal mining rights only,
but the lessee may be permitted to purchase what-
ever available surface rights may be considered
necessary for the working of the mine at the rate of
\$100 per acre.

For full information application should be made
to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, or to any Agent or sub-Agent of Dominion
Lands.

W. W. COCKY
Deputy Minister of the Interior.

N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertise-
ment will not be regarded.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersig-
ned, and enclosed in envelopes for "Sealed Army-
Medical Hat," will be received at this office
until Thursday, September 19, 1907, exclusively for
the construction of a Squadron Armory at Medi-
cal Hat, Alberta, according to plan and speci-
fications to be seen on application to the officer com-
manding the Royal North-West Mounted Police at
Medical Hat, and at the Department of Public
Works, Ottawa.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on
the printed form supplied, and signed with the
actual signatures of tenderers.

An accepted cheque on a chartered bank, payable
to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Pub-
lic Works, equal to ten per cent (10%) of the amount
of the tender, must accompany each tender. The
cheque will be forfeited if the person tendering de-
clines the contract or fails to complete the work con-
tracted for, and will be returned in case of non-
acceptance of tender.

The Department does not bind itself to accept the
lowest or any tender.

By order,
FRED GELINAS,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, August 26, 1907.

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We have just received a large assortment of Silverware in a variety of designs and exquisite design.

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JEWELLERS AND STATIONERS
TABER ALBERTA

THURSDAY, SEPT. 6, 1907.

Taber Breezes

Monday was Labor Day and nearly everybody availed himself of the holiday.

W. L. Hamilton, late manager of the Taber mine was a visitor in town Friday.

J. A. Stephenson of Galt, Ont., arrived Saturday and is visiting his brother J. T. Stephenson.

Quite a number went out duck shooting Monday and some of the parties returned with a good bag of ducks.

Shields, the tinner, received a carload of stoves and heaters this week. Call and see them and get prices.

Place your orders for preserving fruits with me as I will have direct shipment of B.C. fruit and you can have the benefit of lowest prices.

A. BECK,
Taber Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Butchart of Toronto, who have been on a trip to Vancouver and Seattle, arrived Sunday and are spending a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Bellwood.

Raymond fair will be held on Sept. 24 and 25. The prize lists are now out and the prizes offered are very liberal indeed. Raymond should have a good show.

R. D. Shields got a carload of goods from Winnipeg this week. The car came through in five days. From what we can learn this forms the record for time on a car of goods from that city.

Mr. Chris of Coaldale, who had a field of one hundred acres of fall wheat, has just finished threshing. The yield is said to be forty-five bushels to the acre. Sunny southern Alberta is demonstrating the fact that it is a great wheat producing country.

Mr. S. W. Pugh, Vice-President of the Canadian Land Co., Winnipeg and Mr. E. S. Bowden of Taber were in Spokane, Wash., for a short time and we understand sold four hundred lots of the Reliance town site. Mr. E. S. Bowden returned Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Haig and two children, Arthur and Willard of Claresholm were the guests of Rev. J. R. Munro on Wednesday. It is some time since Mr. Haig was in Taber and he was very much surprised at the rapid growth the town has made.

Messrs. A. A. Fowler of Dunsin, N.D., T. T. Biglow of Aneta, N.D., A. P. Whaley and Geo. Wheeler of Saginaw, Mich., were in town Friday looking for land. We understand they were so favorably impressed with the country that they will return later to take up farms.

C. Southworth has installed a wind mill pump at his wells. The growth of the town has so increased the amount of water required that to cope with the demand he found it necessary to get some easier and faster means of pumping. The wind mill works like a charm.

Death entered the home of Mr. Fred Christensen this morning and claimed his bright little two year old baby. The little one had been ill only about four days, and we understand summer complaint was the cause of death. The funeral will take place from the residence of Mr. P. Hammer Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. Christensen have the sympathy of all in their sad loss.

LOCALS

The shortest day of the year will soon be here again.

Inspector J. W. Brown, who is on a tour of inspection of the public schools, was in town the early part of this week.

Mr. James Pierson is building an addition to his already large livery and feed barn in order to provide accommodation for more horses.

H. P. Manrook, keeper of Douglas & Co's store, left Monday morning for the east on very important business. It is said he will not return alone.

Mr. E. P. Whaley, county clerk, and Mr. Geo. Ward of Saginaw, Mich., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. Munro Doan, and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Curtis this week.

The Gillette Theatre Co. played here Tuesday and Wednesday evening in their large tent. The entertainment both evenings was well attended though the plays were not of a very high order.

Ratons of the Alberta Hotel will regret to learn that H. F. Brine who has been connected with many improvements around the Alberta during the last few months, has accepted the position of manager of the Vale Hotel, Calgary, at a much larger salary. He leaves Sept. 10.—MEDICINE HAT TIMES.

The C.P.R. is extending the sidings westward to the tank and we understand will lay one thousand feet more siding at the east end. This will increase the yard capacity considerably yet it is doubtful if there will be sufficient room for the increasing business at this station.

It has been reported to us that Mr. Daniels of Coaldale has just finished threshing 700 acres of volunteer wheat and has 10,000 bushels. After buying his farm he started to plow it up when he noticed that the wheat was beginning to grow. He left it with the above result. This is a pretty good yield for a volunteer crop.

A goodly company gathered at the residence of Mr. David Jones, Reliance, this evening to witness the marriage of his daughter, Margaret Jane, and Thomas E. Skofield. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. R. Munro, R.D. Mr. and Mrs. Skofield leave next week for Rock Springs, Wyoming, where they will make their home.

A few weeks ago Mr. Henry Hobson's team of horses got loose and wandered away. A close look out was kept for them. A gentleman arrived here from Montana the other day and he told Mr. Hobson that he saw a team wandering on the prairie there answering the description. Mr. Hobson went down and found his horses all right and rode them back. He was very lucky to get them.

Purple Springs

Most of the farmers here are through harvesting and some are seeding their fallows with fall wheat. Master Bennett got back from Magrath the other day. He brought his mother and children with him. Mrs. Bennett has not been here for a year or more and she sees many changes in and around the Springs in that time.

Your correspondent saw a load of good domestic coal go through our streets the other day. It was mined on the coulees near here. We will not be dependent on Taber for fuel if we can get the quality I saw near by.

The C.P.R. is building its fence along the railroad and they are going to make the travelling public how to the line.

Some person killed a large coyote here a few days ago. The coyotes and hawks should not be spared as they are as fond of the housewife's chickens as a dorkie. SCRIBE.

W. C. Rogers, M. A., Regina, Sask., has been appointed principal of the Lethbridge school in the place of H. G. Long, who has resigned.

Five men were arrested last Sunday by Game Wardens, H. Case, and the R.N.W.M.P., for shooting ducks at Eight Mile Lake on that day.

REAL RHEUMATISM.

The Causes and Symptoms of Uric Acid in the Blood.
Rheumatism, so called, is probably as common as any ailment one ever hears of, and yet if one were to analyze carefully the average case of rheumatism the results would doubtless show that the disease was something very different indeed from the real thing. Almost everybody when suffering from a slight stiffness of a joint or a muscular soreness promptly makes a diagnosis of rheumatism when in reality the case is nothing more than what technical language known as lithemia, sometimes called American gout.

The real disease of rheumatism is the result of an accumulation in the blood of imperfectly converted food, principally uric acid. This accumulation is due to intemperance in eating and drinking and insufficient active exercise. It is in some cases seems to play an important part. In the great majority the symptoms follow a regular order, beginning with a feeling of fullness and discomfort after meals, indigestion, nausea and an unpleasant taste in the mouth, followed by throbbing headache, nervous irritability and vertigo, muscular pains which may be confined to one or more muscles or skip about them one to another. Lastly, and in most cases the most troublesome of all symptoms, is depression of spirits, the patient imagining that he has all sorts of ailments. Persons suffering from mental disorder as a result of this disease have been known to commit suicide. Fortunately these cases are not common, but it should be remembered that they are among the possibilities.—A Doctor in New York City.

STAGESTRUCK.

An Incident of the Boyhood Days of William McKinley.
One does not readily associate our martyred president, William McKinley, with an ambition to become an actor, but in a grouping of eminent personalities who have conceived at one time or another in their lives a passion to tread the boards we find the unobtrusive account.

"It was while holding the humble position of clerk at a hat store in Cincinnati that Mr. McKinley became stagestruck and once confessed that he did not outgrow his desire to become an actor for many years afterward. This desire arose through witnessing the Shakespearean plays as presented by the great tragedian, Edwin Forrest, for whom Mr. McKinley conceived a great admiration.

"Tearing my feelings, the president said on one occasion when relating his childish ambitions, 'When Forrest walked into our store one day to make a purchase, I rushed to the front door to serve my little hero a drink of water. The sale, however, was made by another clerk, and I was denied the privilege of pressing and introducing the lad. The great actor had been so serving my work, and I was so much of the events of my youth.'

Growth of Rocks.
Rocks do not grow in the sense that plants do, they may increase by accretion, and they may undergo chemical changes. Old sea beds, being covered, become sandstone and limestone. The volcanic ash and lava flows of the islands become rich in lime, and for building stone. The sand of a river becomes concrete. The simple mineral does not grow, when it takes a crystalline form, it grows by the accretion of atoms to a crystal. The growth of a crystal is a process of accretion, whereby the atoms, wonderfully regular, exact, are built up of low form on the window pane.

Why Bob's Hate a Red Flag.
In the first place, says an English writer, it is a color to which cattle are much attracted, so that they may be easily supposed to be started by the fiery novelty. Scientists show the reason of red to be the complement of that of green, being induced by a contrary electric affection of the other. If the eyes of cattle are constructed on a similar principle to our own, the continual contemplation of green, in its tints and herbage, must produce a state of retinal fatigue, prefiguring a violent excitement of the retina immediately a red substance is presented to view.

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Strictly Business.
"The greatest man I ever knew," said Uncle Jerry Peabees, "was an old chap named Snooping. Somebody told him once that when he breathed he took in oxygen and gave out carbon. He spent a whole day trying to find out which of these two gases cost the most if you have to buy 'em. He wanted to know whether he was wasting or losing money when he breathed."

The universe is not rich enough to buy the vote of an honest man.—Gregory.

CURIOUS CAIRO.

The Water Sellers, Coffee Makers, and Cairs of the Streets.
The most curious and also the most interesting of street figures in Cairo are the water sellers, some of whom go about with hideous looking goatskins filled with Nile water. Others carry more inviting looking reddish clay jars, decorated with brass bands, and these jars often have a piece of ice at their mouth and a sprig of mint protruding on either side of their face. The carrier with the goatskin calls out his wares, but the other with the jar carries in his left hand two brass saucers, which he clicks together with a sort of musical jingle. The water in either case is not filtered, but is taken straight from the Nile, and the purchasers are all natives, who pay a fraction of a penny for all they are able to drink.

The street sellers of coffee are everywhere, squatting about on the pavements in the most unexpected places. Their outfit consists merely of a kiosk of charcoal, a small copper coffee cup with a long handle, two or three small bowls of china and a supply of coffee and sugar. It takes one only a few minutes to brew a fresh cup, and as Turkish coffee gets that brewed by the street seller is not really bad.

The ever present conjurer is worth stopping to watch, although the tricks are in most part generally on the order of conjurers' tricks in other countries. The most interesting part of their paraphernalia is their sign, which is a small white rabbit. The moment the performance begins the little animal rolls over, to all appearances dead, but when some ten minutes later all of the tricks have been done, some of which are admittedly more or less puzzling, up jumps the little rabbit as chipper and gay as ever. It is claimed that the egg of the rabbit leaves the body for the express purpose of assisting the conjurer, and one for a moment is inclined to give credence to this while watching the performance and after having seen the rabbit go into its trance.—Harriet Quimby in Leslie's Weekly.

ORIGINAL GOTHAM.

The Scheme by Which its Inhabitants Conquered King John.

This name Gotham was first applied to the city of Manhattan in a book of humorous sketches called "Salmagundi," written about 1807 by Washington Irving in collaboration with his brother Peter and the poet Paulding.

It was evidently intended to suggest that the people of New York made undue pretensions to wisdom, and that there were both satisfied with in the suggestion is shown by the story of the original Gothamites. Gotham was a parish in Nottinghamshire, England. The old story tells how King John, who wished to pass through the parish, refused them, forcing the king to make a public road, decided to prevent the transit by all pretending to be crazy. Therefore when the king and his party arrived they found every one of the inhabitants employed in some peculiarly foolish task. Thus a group were painting hands around a thorn bush to keep a cuckoo from getting away, others were trying to drown an eel, some were digging for turnips, and so on. When the king saw these performances, he swore at the people for a pack of idiots and, turning, departed with all his retinue, says the Housekeeper. The Gothamites were delighted with the success of their scheme for turning aside the king, regarding it as a superlatively clever.

After this Gotham came to have the reputation of being a sort of headquarters for convicts. In the time of Henry VIII a book entitled "The Merry Tales of the Mad Men of Gotham" was published. Among these was the story of the "Three Wise Men of Gotham," one of whose exploits was to go to sea in a bowl.

"A Tempest is a Teapot."
The expression "a tempest in a teapot" is one of great antiquity. Its first historic appearance is in the "De significatione Clero," which quotes it as a common saying. "Gratidius raised a tempest in a teapot, as the saying is." The French form, "Une tempeste dans une tasse de the," (a tempest in a glass of water), was first applied to the disturbances in the Geneva republic near the end of the seventeenth century. In England the word "tempest" was substituted for the sake of alliteration. It is said to have been popularized by Lord North, who employed it to characterize the outbreak of the American colonists against the tax on tea.

His Slim Chance.
"You can answer me one more question perhaps, Miss Bute," said Archie, mortified at her refusal. "Is there any other man?"
"There is every other man, sir," she responded, with flashing eyes. "You would be absolutely the last, Mr. Featherston."

As there appeared to be no further business before the house, Archie hastily adjourned without form.

Her Brand.
"Mean thing!" exclaimed Mrs. New-livered. "It's just brutal of you to call it this stuff." You said you'd be glad if I baked my own bread."
"Yes, dear," replied the great brute, "but I didn't say I wanted you to bake mine."

Usually.
Nerved—Don't you believe marriage broadens a man? Oldred—Well, I don't know about that; but it usually makes him shorter.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

THE UP-TO-DATE HARDWARE

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MINOT, ALBERTA.

A LOST SWORD.
Frederick the Great and Was Confounded by Napoleon. While Prussia was at his feet after the battle of Jena, Bonaparte visited Frederick, and there he saw the sword of Frederick the Great. He took possession of it, saying, "I value myself more than all the treasures of Prussia." It was deposited at the Invalides on May 17, 1807, with military pomp and circumstance, to the immense satisfaction of the people of Paris. But there came the black days of 1870, and with the allies on the point of entering the French capital the government of the Invalides, Marshal Seign, received orders to take steps for the preservation of the precious sword. It was collected, especially the sword of Frederick the Great. Interfering this instruction in a peculiar fashion, the governor took effective measures for preventing them from falling into the hands of the enemy by making a bonfire of them, and it was said that he threw Frederick's sword into the flames. This statement was confirmed as late as 1875 by an eyewitness. Thus, perished, as was stated in 1870, when an official inquiry was made into the matter, between 1,500 and 1,600 war flags and other memorials of victory. The ashes and remnants were thrown into the Seine at the mouth of a sewer. The sword, which, of course, had been destroyed in the conflagration, but it was never seen again. It happened that in 1870 an engineer, having ascertained the precise spot where the debris from the fire had been put into the river, made a search and recovered. From the bottom, a considerable number of iron and copper articles which were returned to the Invalides. But the sword of Frederick was not found. One would like to think that it had not the fate of this historic weapon to rust away in foul mud, but that it had undergone the noble transformation of being turned into some implement of peaceful industry. Of this, however, there is no evidence.—London News.

HE OVERDID IT.
A Last Wager That Might Perhaps Have Been Won.
When it got as far as the cigars as an informal supper that night, at which the manager of one of the most talked of New York hotels was the host, the talk turned to the perfection of modern hotel management. The manager, advised of the fact that in his house at least the clerks were paragon of economy and efficiency. "Yet I will bet the clerks," said one of the guests, "that exactly at midnight when the clerks change, I have no room here, even with the desk ask for the key of a certain room, giving the number, and get it." "Done," said the manager. "Exactly at 12 the man making the bed entered the lobby as if he had just come from the street. This dialogue followed at the desk: "My key, please—No. 76." "Yes, sir, what name?" "Mr. Johnson." "Yes, Mr. Johnson." The clerk turned back to the desk as if to reach the key from the rack. For a moment he was out of sight of "Mr. Johnson." Then to "Mr. Johnson's" dismay he was quietly seized by two men, who seemed to come up from the floor, either side of him and who whisked him very politely, but with firmness, to leave the hotel at once. It was then that the manager appeared from behind a pillar and explained. A few moments later, when they were smoking the cigars, the chagrined loser said: "Well, that's a wonderful thing. How the devil do they remember everybody they see?" "Easy enough," said the manager, "and then in this particular case there isn't a room in the house numbered below 100." The loser bought more cigars with out being asked.

The Bitter Bit.
An old Lowlander had been persistently asked by his son, who was doing very well in London, to pay him a visit. Having at length decided to comply, he spent a fortnight in the metropolis and duly returned north to tell the tale. A pompous person invited him to his house soon after the old man's return, with a view to having some amusement at the latter's expense. "And what was it that most impressed you in the great city?" asked the pompous gentleman. "Well, sir," quoth the old fellow, "the thin shape of that frame of mind that it had ever known previous to his arrival. While Lord Salisbury was first premier a member of the ministry, equipped that Lord Cromer had told him to go to the devil. "Dear me," said Salisbury, "he tells me that every time he comes to London."

A Practical Reason.
Investigating. "Tant—Do say of you boys know why 'X' stands for an unknown quantity?" "Wise Little Aleck—'I know, cause my pa says when you find an 'X' you never know what you're going to get it back."

Tramps is not essential to good freshing, but a live man is—Phelp.

PLANT.
Where It Grows and How Its Black Juice Is Treated.
Black licorice is made from the juice of the licorice root, mixed with starch and sugar. It is a plant growing in the south of France, the banks of the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, which grow in the most fertile and uncultivated land. The climate of these great plains is variable. Half the year it is mild and pleasant, but for three months in summer, hot winds sweep across the country, raising the temperature to 104 degrees for weeks at a time. The licorice plant is a shrub three feet high and grows without cultivation in situations where its roots can reach the water. The usual time of collecting is in the winter, but roots are dug all the year around. At first the root is full of water and must be allowed to dry, a process which takes nearly a year. It is then cut into small pieces from six inches to a foot long. The good and sound pieces are dried, and the rotten ones are used for firewood. As the valley of the Euphrates contained one of the earliest civilizations of the world, it is probable that licorice is about the oldest collection plant, and that the taste, which places next to all children today, was familiar to the ancient Babylonians and Assyrians 3,000 years ago.

THE FIRST ZOO.
China, It Seems, Counts That Among Her Many Records.
The Chinese had the first zoo. Menageries are thought to owe their origin partly to the cult of sacred animals and partly to the acquisition of rules to possess specimens of rare and valuable creatures from foreign lands or savage beasts from their own. In the simplest form zoological gardens were one of the earliest developments of culture and were familiar to the Chinese, Indians, Greeks, Romans and pre-Christian Mexicans in ancient times. The oldest recorded menagerie is Chinese, dating from 1150 B. C. The den of lions kept by Darius, as described in the book of Daniel, is an example of one of these primitive menageries, while the cult of sacred wild horses in the ancient Greeks and Romans and that of so-called white elephants in Burma and Siam are instances of a second type. A live giraffe was received at the menagerie of Seleucidus as early as 1828. The Paris establishment is regarded as the earliest entitled to the designation "zoological gardens," in the modern sense of that term, which owes its origin, however, to the formation of the menagerie in the Bois de Vincennes, the present zoological gardens of Paris, the oldest establishment of this sort in the world is the earliest. Another very notable menagerie is the New York and Chicago Zoological Garden, the completed in the world.—Exchange.

Roman House Heaters.
The methods used by the Romans for warming their houses were clever. In Rome itself artificial warmth may have been brought from hot water, but the Italian writer requires fires at times, but when the Roman took up his abode abroad as the conqueror he certainly lived in chilly climates. In the country houses he built in England, he had carefully devised heating arrangements, which are called hypocausts. These are fires running under the tessellated floors. Fires were lit outside of the house, and the hot air passed under the floor. To do much required a knowledge of the builder's art, with the necessary precautions against fire. Remnants of these hypocausts are found today in the ruins of a house in the Roman occupation.

The Popular Song.
The definition of popularity as given by a salesman in a large music store is one that may be applied to other things besides songs. "Is this a popular song?" asked a young woman, holding up a sheet of music brilliantly decorated in red and green. "Well, no, miss," said the salesman, assuming a judicial air, "I can't say it is as yet. Of course lots of people are singing it and everybody likes it, but nobody's got told enough of it yet for it to be what you'd call a popular song, miss."

The Contrast.
A small negro boy was putting his hand against the marble wall of a shop, and the owner would step back a few feet and then run toward the steps, telling him not to touch the wall. "What for, sir?" asked the boy. "You see, sir, a white man who came here, he never touches the wall." "What for, sir?" asked the boy. "You see, sir, a white man who came here, he never touches the wall."

The First Bull.
Chiron, the lecturer of the Elys, was thought by many to be of Irish blood, for invariably as he was casting light from the lecture stage he would call out to his crowd of auditors: "Now, then, look alive!" This was doubtless as near an approach to an Irish bull as the then state of civilization permitted.

Two Kinds of Foolhardiness.
Some of the men who laugh when a woman gets out of a car backward would pull the muzzle of a loaded gun toward them when crawling through a fence.

Villains in the play have to be awful bad in order to make good.—Daily Okla. Ardmoreite.

STEPHEN GIRARD.
The Eccentric Millionaire Was a Man of Many Moods.
To get a subscription from Stephen Girard, founder of Girard college in Philadelphia, was not an easy matter. It required tact and the right introduction, and many failed, while few succeeded. It is told by the author of "The French Blood in America" that Samuel Coates, a genial Quaker, was one of the few men who knew how to approach the eccentric millionaire. He was a manager of the Pennsylvania hospital and called on Girard for the purpose of raising money for the support of that institution. "Well, how much do you want, Coates?" asked Girard in his usual brusque tones. "Just what these pleases to give, Stephen," replied the Quaker. Girard wrote out a check for \$2,000 and, handing it to Coates, was surprised to see that gentleman pocket it without looking at the amount which he had written. "What! You don't look to see how much I give you?" cried Girard incredulously. "Beggars must not be choosers, Stephen," replied the Quaker. "Give me back my check, and I will change it," said Girard after a moment's pause. "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, then, knows, Stephen," mildly replied the Quaker. Without another word Girard sat down and wrote him out a second check for \$5,000. His farm on the outskirts of Philadelphia was one of the best in the country, and while living in town he often drove out before breakfast to see that all was going well. He was very exacting with his hired hands and treated the management of his farm, to any one else, but ran it himself, as he did all his affairs. Arriving one morning a little earlier than usual, he was greatly surprised at not finding his man at work on a fence that he was building. The man's wife, noticing Girard approaching the house, hurriedly awoke her husband and sent him to his duties by way of the back door. After visiting the house Girard returned to the fence and, seeing the man at his post, reproached him for being late. "I've been here, sir, but went back for a spade," said the workman. "No, you haven't. I went and put my hand in your bed and found it warm," replied Girard, and he discharged the man on the spot.

CONVERSATION DON'TS.
Don't say "You was," but "You were." Don't say "He don't," but "He doesn't." Don't say "Not as I know," but "Not that I know." Don't say "He is older than me," but "He is older than I." Don't say "Between you and I," but "Between you and me." Don't say "She is some better," but "She is somewhat better." Don't say "This is the finest of any," but "This is finer than any." Don't say "Where are you stop now," but "Where are you staying?" Don't say "I dislike her worse than ever," but "I dislike her more than ever." Don't say "I was raised in New England," but "I was reared in New England." Don't say "I rarely ever go any where," but "I rarely if ever go anywhere." Don't say "Either of the three will do," but "Any of the three will do."

The Careful Scot.
While enjoying a pleasant smoke in a railway carriage a Scotchman was asked by his fellow passenger, a Welshman, if he could oblige him with a match and after some consideration reluctantly complied with the request. Placing the match upon the window ledge, the Welshman produced an empty pipe, and, gripping it between his teeth, gazed mournfully at his companion. This having no effect he made an ostentatious and fruitless tour of his pockets. "Dear, dear, how unlucky I am," he exclaimed at length. "I've left my tobacco at home." "Verra unfortunate," agreed the Scotchman, and, stretching out a hand for the match, he added with evident relief, "An' now ye'll no require this 'cigarette'."

Americans Greatest of Travelers.
Americans are rightfully called the greatest travelers in the world. They all seem imbued with the spirit of Columbus, and when we think of that century across strange waters in search of the land that we can scarcely believe to be a native land, or of the country as a native land, it is a noticeable fact that in every corner of prominence in England and in the continent there are to be seen many the tourists during the season at least two Americans to every one representing the other nations.

Reassuring.
"Now, be careful how you drive, carefully, and go slowly over the stones, for I hate to be shaken. And mind you, pull up at the right house and look out for those dreadful railway vans." "Never fear, sir; I'll do my best. And which 'hospital' would you wish to be taken to, sir, in case of an accident?"—London Tit-Bits.

Indefinite Perfection.
Since the beginning of time the human brain has never succeeded in defining with the necessary exactitude what really constitutes a perfect woman.—Outlook.

NO SENSE OF HUMOR.
A Scientist's Criticism of a Comic Book For Children.
Charles Moselet, a Frenchman of letters, published a comic "scientific dictionary" for the benefit of children, who found no little amusement in his old accounts of things in the animal world which were perfectly familiar to them, but which were described in a rather fantastic way in M. Moselet's book. The editor of a certain scientific journal, however, was much surprised and shocked at M. Moselet's ignorance when he took up the book, and he wrote an article about it in his paper, which ran as follows: "A certain M. Moselet has published a dictionary for the use of children, which contains definitions showing the most extraordinary ignorance, such as the following: "Sardine—A little fish without any head which lives in oil." As if a fish could live without a head and in oil! "Another definition: "Parrot—A bird somewhat resembling the pigeon, generally green when it is not red or yellow or blue. Certain parrots sometimes live to be hundreds of years old, except when they are stupid, and then there is no limit to the length of their life." "Now, it appears that the parrot is not a person at all and never has the colors that M. Moselet gives him. In short, this M. Moselet knows no more of natural history than he has grains of common sense."

THE MALE OPERA HAT.
Why It Rises Superior to Any Passing Fashion Dictates.
Men generally protest against the changes of style in hats, and one of the best has been written to the New York Mail this complaint: "Why attack at a 'collapsible, many named protuberance' the opera hat, or, chosen de choice? I have such a hat and also a silk hat, in which respect I think I differ from most gentlemen. The opera hat is more comfortable. If there is no rack for your hat under the seat you can tie it in your overcoat and put it on the floor under your coat without disturbing it, as you would do with a silk hat. "If you put your hat in the rack and forget to get it and then rise and stand there for five minutes, a hat comes off as an opera hat suffers no change. A silk hat would be either ruined or soiled. "The opera hat looks as well as it wears. It is light and comfortable. Indeed, I think it is the best. The glossy surface of a hat of this type is an almost certain proof that the hat when new, were polished by hand and by machine. "There is much more to be said for the opera hat. It is the style of the moment and is worn by the best of the world."

A Denial.
Have you ever thought why it is that a man around and around who he is in on his condition or starts to settle himself anywhere for a nap? Now that you are reminded you can recall that you have seen a dog do it many times, don't you? This habit is almost all that is left to our true little degrees of the past long ago, when they were a pack of wild animals and lived in the woods. Their beds were made of grass and leaves, and it was to trample enough grass and properly remove the leaves that the animal was led around a narrow circle, so that he would lie down. The dog or turkey takes up the same old habit, although there is no longer any need of it. And of course the animal has no notion why he does it.

A Band of Symmetry.
While the new maid filled the room the busy woman kept on writing. "Do you make that all out of your own head?" asked Jane. "Yes," said the busy woman. "My," said Jane admiringly, "you must have brains." "Brains," replied the woman dejectedly. "Oh, Jane, I haven't an atom of brains." "For a moment Jane regarded her with an incredulous expression. "Oh, such," she said presently, "don't you think I say, I don't very smart myself."

Generosity of Writing.
"When my list of autographs I take up a stack of them will begin and I will give you one with the autographs of a few other writers and a great collection of letters. A British publication, 'All the Great Men of the World,' contains, I am told, absolutely nothing. Well, as I know the three writers, I think I could tell which were which. They were Captain Manning, Mr. Frade and Lord Rosebery. Will the expert tell me if in this case similarity of names is not a fourth similarity of quality?"

Matrimonial.
Three gentlemen were sitting at lunch when one of them was overheard discussing the second marriage of a mutual friend when one of them remarked: "I'll tell you what. A man who marries the second time does not deserve to have lost his first wife."

The Kind They Fool.
He—Some girls are awfully conceited. She—Why? He—They'll brag about making a fool of a man that was never anything else.—Detroit Free Press.

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